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I,	David Faucon		swear (or affirm) that, to the
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	Latour Trading LLC		, as of
		e and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that nei	
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	Computation for Determination of the Reserve Re	equirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.	
	k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudi	ited Statements of Financial Condition with respe	ct to methods of con-
	solidation.		
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<u>X</u> (1	m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.		
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= '	 o) Independent auditor's report on internal accounting 	-	
] (p) Schedule of segregation requirements and funds	in segregationcustomers' regulated commodity f	utures account
	pursuant to Rule 171-5.		

^{**}For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT DECEMBER 31, 2009

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors of Latour Trading LLC

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Latour Trading LLC (the "Company") as of December 31, 2009. This statement of financial condition is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this statement of financial condition based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the statement of financial condition is free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the statement of financial condition, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall statement of financial condition presentation. We believe that our audit of the statement of financial condition provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the statement of financial condition referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Latour Trading LLC as of December 31, 2009, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Roseland, New Jersey February 25, 2010

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

December 31, 2009	
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 515,737
Receivables from clearing brokers	6,744,104
Securities owned, at fair value	322,412,752
Other assets	197,184_
	\$ 329,869,777
LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY	
Liabilities Securities sold, not yet purchased, at fair value Due to clearing broker Accounts payable and accrued expenses Due to affiliate Total liabilities Member's equity	\$ 283,525,850 3,335,201 9,514,549 12,000 296,387,600 33,482,177
	\$ 329,869,777

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1. Nature of business and summary of significant accounting policies

Nature of Business

Latour Trading LLC (the "Company") is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the state of Delaware on May 28, 2009. The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tower Research Capital Investments LLC (the "Parent"). Tower Research Capital LLC is the managing member of the Company. The Company's operations consist primarily of proprietary trading in, but not limited to, equities and futures markets in the U.S.

The Company is a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and is a member of and has selected the CBOE Stock Exchange ("CBSX") as its designated examining authority.

Basis of Presentation

The financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").

These financial statements were approved by management and available for issuance on February 25, 2010. Subsequent events have been evaluated through this date.

Valuation of Investments in Securities and Securities at Fair Value - Definition and Hierarchy

In accordance with GAAP, fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (i.e., the "exit price") in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

In determining fair value, the Company uses various valuation approaches. In accordance with GAAP, a fair value hierarchy for inputs is used in measuring fair value that maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs by requiring that the most observable inputs be used when available. Observable inputs are those that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Company. Unobservable inputs reflect the Company's assumptions about the inputs market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances. The fair value hierarchy is categorized into three levels based on the inputs as follows:

Level 1 - Valuations based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access. Valuation adjustments and block discounts are not applied to Level 1 securities. Since valuations are based on quoted prices that are readily and regularly available in an active market, valuation of these securities does not entail a significant degree of judgment.

Level 2 - Valuations based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 - Valuations based on inputs that are unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1. Nature of business and summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Valuation of Investments in Securities and Securities at Fair Value - Definition and Hierarchy (continued)

The availability of valuation techniques and observable inputs can vary from security to security and is affected by a wide variety of factors including, the type of security, whether the security is new and not yet established in the marketplace, and other characteristics particular to the transaction. To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Those estimated values do not necessarily represent the amounts that may be ultimately realized due to the occurrence of future circumstances that cannot be reasonably determined. Because of the inherent uncertainty of valuation, those estimated values may be materially higher or lower than the values that would have been used had a ready market for the securities existed. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised by the Company in determining fair value is greatest for securities categorized in Level 3. In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, for disclosure purposes, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement in its entirety falls, is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Fair value is a market-based measure considered from the perspective of a market participant rather than an entity-specific measure. Therefore, even when market assumptions are not readily available, the Company's own assumptions are set to reflect those that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. The Company uses prices and inputs that are current as of the measurement date, including periods of market dislocation. In periods of market dislocation, the observability of prices and inputs may be reduced for many securities. This condition could cause a security to be reclassified to a lower level within the fair value hierarchy.

Valuation Techniques

The Company values investments in securities and securities sold short that are freely tradable and are listed on a national securities exchange at their last sales price as of the last business day of the year.

Revenue and Expense Recognition from Securities Transactions

Securities transactions and the related revenues and expenses are recorded on the trade-date basis and unrealized gains and losses are reflected in revenues.

Income Taxes

The Company is a single member limited liability company. As such, it is a disregarded entity for tax purposes and is not subject to pay any taxes on its income. As the Company's activity is not subject to UBT, using currently enacted tax laws and rates, no provision for UBT tax is provided, in accordance with GAAP. GAAP requires the current and deferred tax expense (benefit) for a group that files a consolidated tax return to be allocated among the members of the group when those members issue separate financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1. Nature of business and summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Income Taxes (continued)

The determination of the Company's provision for income taxes requires significant judgment, the use of estimates, and the interpretation and application of complex tax laws. Significant judgment is required in assessing the timing and amounts of deductible and taxable items and the probability of sustaining uncertain tax positions. The benefits of uncertain tax positions are recorded in the Company's financial statements only after determining a more-likely-than-not probability that the uncertain tax positions will withstand challenge, if any, from tax authorities. When facts and circumstances change, the Company reassesses these probabilities and records any changes in the financial statements as appropriate. Accrued interest and penalties related to income tax matters are classified as a component of income tax expense.

In accordance with GAAP, the Company is required to determine whether a tax position is more likely than not to be sustained upon examination by the applicable taxing authority, including resolution of any related appeals or litigation processes, based on the technical merits of the position. The Company is a disregarded entity and is consolidated into the Parent who files an income tax return in the U.S. federal jurisdiction, and may file income tax returns in various U.S. state and local jurisdictions. The tax benefit recognized is measured as the largest amount of benefit that has a greater than fifty percent likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement. De-recognition of a tax benefit previously recognized results in the Company recording a tax liability that reduces member's equity. This policy has been applied to all existing tax positions upon the Company's initial adoption for the period ended December 31, 2009. Based on its analysis, the Company has determined that the adoption of this policy did not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements upon adoption. However, the Company's conclusions regarding this policy may be subject to review and adjustment at a later date based on factors including, but not limited to, on-going analyses of and changes to tax laws, regulations and interpretations thereof. The Company recognizes interest accrued related to unrecognized tax benefits and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in income tax fees payable, if assessed. No interest expense or penalties have been recognized as of and for the period July 23, 2009 (commencement of operations) through December 31, 2009.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the Company's management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts disclosed in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

2. Fair value measurements

The Company's assets and liabilities recorded at fair value have been categorized based upon a fair value hierarchy as described in the Company's significant accounting policies in Note 1.

The following table presents information about the Company's assets and liabilities measured at fair value as of December 31, 2009 (in thousands):

	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) Balance as of December 31, 2009 (In thousands)		
Assets (at fair value)			
Total Investments in securities Common stocks	\$	322,413	
Total Investments in futures ***	\$	22,027	
Liabilities (at fair value) Total securities sold short			
Common stocks	\$	283,526	
Total Investments in futures ***	\$	10,804	

^{***} These balances represent unrealized gains and lossed are included in the due from broker balance on the statement of financial condition.

3. Derivative contracts

Futures Contracts

The Company is subject to equity and commodity price risk, interest rate risk, and foreign currency exchange rate risk in the normal course of pursuing its investment objectives. The Company may use futures contracts to gain exposure to, or hedge against, changes in the value of equities and commodities, interest rates or foreign currencies. A futures contract represents a commitment for the future purchase or sale of an asset at a specified price on a specified date.

The purchase and sale of futures contracts requires margin deposits with a Futures Commission Merchant ("FCM"). Subsequent payments (variation margin) are made or received by the Company each day, depending on the daily fluctuations in the value of the contract, and are recorded as unrealized gains or losses by the Company. Futures contracts may reduce the Company's exposure to counterparty risk since futures contracts are exchange-traded; and the exchange's clearinghouse, as the counterparty to all exchange-traded futures, guarantees the futures against default. However, since the Company's futures positions are carried by an FCM, the Company is exposed to counterparty risk related to the viability of the FCM.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

3. Derivative contracts (continued)

Futures Contracts (continued)

Derivative financial instruments are carried at fair value. Fair value for exchange traded derivatives is based on quoted market prices. Open equity in the amount of \$11,223,002 in futures transactions is netted with \$4,478,898 due to clearing brokers and are recorded as receivables from clearing brokers at December 31, 2009. The notional value of these futures transactions is \$2,368,432,445 and \$2,258,920,810, for the long and short positions, respectively, at December 31, 2009. The Company's derivatives trading activities exposes it to certain risks, such as price and interest rate fluctuations, volatility risk, credit risk, foreign currency movements and changes in the liquidity of markets. On the other hand, these activities are often hedges against risks in other financial instruments in which the Company has positions.

The Company's gains related to derivatives trading activities for the period July 23, 2009 (commencement of operations) through December 31, 2009 in accordance with accounting standards related to derivative instruments and hedging activities are \$171,199,700. These gains are not representative of the Company's individual business unit results because many of the Company's trading strategies utilize financial instruments across various product types. Accordingly, gains or losses in one product type frequently offset gains or losses in other product types. These gains are included in principal transactions in the statements of operations.

The fair market value of the derivatives are disclosed in footnote 2.

4. Net capital requirement

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule 15c3-1. This Rule requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 8 to 1 (15 to 1 after its first year of operations) and that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1. At December 31, 2009, the Company's net capital was approximately \$3,622,000, which was approximately \$2,431,000 in excess of its minimum requirement of \$1,191,000.

5. Off-balance sheet risk

The Company maintains short positions in securities and commodities that may increase in value beyond the amounts reflected in the statement of financial condition. Those increases may be mitigated somewhat by offsetting changes in the values of hedged or hedging positions in other financial instruments.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

6. Payable to clearing broker

The payable to clearing broker is due on demand and is collateralized by all Company-owned securities held by, or deposited with, the clearing broker. Interest is charged at the clearing broker's call rate.

7. Concentrations of credit risk

The Company maintains its cash balances in various financial institutions. These balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000 per institution.

A significant portion of the Company's equity is manifested in securities and commodities positions and cash balances carried by the Company's clearing brokers. The Company monitors the financial standing of these clearing brokers and is confident that it does not have significant risk in regard to its relationships.

8. Exemption from Rule 15c3-3

The Company is exempt from the Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c3-3 and, therefore, is not required to maintain a "Special Reserve Bank Account for the Exclusive Benefit of Customers".

9. Related party transactions

Pursuant to lease agreements, the Company pays rent for office space and equipment to the Company's affiliate. Rent expense under these agreements for the period July 23, 2009 (commencement of operations) through December 31, 2009 was \$45,000.

The Company has entered into employment contracts with certain employees which guarantee salary and bonuses. For the period July 23, 2009 (commencement of operations) through December 31, 2009, the Company guaranteed bonuses, including signing bonuses, of \$4,600,000, which has been accrued for in accounts payable and accrued expenses on the statement of financial condition. The Company has also guaranteed a salary for one employee for \$200,000 each year, through June 2012.

10. Employee benefit plan

The Company maintains a retirement plan (the "Plan"), pursuant to Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code, for eligible participants to make voluntary contributions of a portion of their annual compensation, on a deferred basis, subject to limitations provided by the Internal Revenue Code. The Company makes a matching contribution to the Plan at the discretion of the Board of Directors, for the period July 23, 2009 (commencement of operations) through December 31, 2009, there were no contributions to the Plan.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

11. Subsequent events

On January 7, 2010, and February 18, 2010, the Company made \$1.5 million and \$2 million distributions, respectively, to its Parent.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES RELATED TO THE SIPC ASSESSMENT RECONCILIATION REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17a-5

To the Member of Latour Trading LLC

In accordance with Rule 17a-5(e)(4) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, we have performed the procedures enumerated below with respect to the accompanying Schedule of Assessment and Payments (Form SIPC-7T) to the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) for the period July 23, 2009 (commencement of operations) through December 31, 2009, which were agreed to by Latour Trading LLC ("the Company") and the Securities and Exchange Commission, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. and SIPC solely to assist you and the other specified parties in evaluating the Company's compliance with the applicable instructions of the Transitional Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7T). The Company's management is responsible for the Company's compliance with those requirements. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of those parties specified in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose. The procedures we performed and our findings are as follows:

- 1. Compared the listed assessment payments in Form SIPC-7T with respective cash disbursement records noting no differences;
- 2. Compared the amounts reported on the audited Form X-17A-5 for the period July 23, 2009 (commencement of operations) through December 31, 2009 with the amounts reported in Form SIPC-7T for the period July 23, 2009 (commencement of operations) through December 31, 2009 noting no differences;
- 3. Compared any adjustments reported in Form SIPC-7T with supporting schedules and working papers noting no differences;
- 4. Proved the arithmetical accuracy of the calculations reflected in Form SIPC-7T and in the related schedules and working papers supporting the adjustments noting no differences.



We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on the Company's compliance with the applicable instructions of the Transitional Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7T). . Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the specified parties listed above and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Rothstein, Kass x Company, P.C.

Roseland, New Jersey February 25, 2010

SCHEDULE OF SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION ASSESSMENTS AND PAYMENTS

For the Period From July 23, 2009 (commencement of operations) Through December 31, 2009	
Por the Period Profit July 25, 2009 (confinencement of operations) Through December 31, 2009	
SIPC Net Operating Revenues Per General Assessment	
Reconciliation Form SIPC-7T	\$ (8,511,993)
General Assessments at .0025 and Amount Due with Form SIPC-7T	\$ 150